

Bloomington Municipal Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:01p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance

Council Members Present

Adrian McDaniel Lynda Gonzalez Gregory Ware Jacqueline Cox Betty Gosney
Eric Scott

Minutes

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez motioned to approve the minutes and Council Member Jacqueline Cox seconded the motion. All were in favor and the September minutes were approved.

Special Announcement- MAC Chair, Gregory Ware announced that Dave Jayne was recognized by Assembly Member Wilmer Amina Carter and he will be honored on Friday 10-23-09 at the San Bernardino County Government Center for all of the volunteer work that he does for the community. He wanted to personally thank Dave for all that he does.

New Business

A. Great California Shake Out” Earth Quake Drill- Office of Emergency Services

Penni Overstreet-Murphy of County Fire announced that October 15, 2009 at 10:15am there will be the Great Shake Out drill where people will be participating county wide and throughout the country. On October 15th there will be an event at the County Museum where various agencies including the Community Emergency Response Team will be there to help people prepare for an emergency. She gave a quick review of things that are important for an emergency kit. These include: water, food, a first aid kit, dusk masks, moist wipes, a can opener, medicine, glasses, and for those who have pets, pet food. Enough should be reserved for up to 7 days. She recommended to have an emergency kit at home, in your car and at work.

Next she reported that October is fire prevention month and October 4-10 is fire prevention week. Some of the leading causes for fires include cooking, heating, smoking, electrical, and intentionally set fires. She reported that most of the arson fires are set by juveniles. Smoke alarms will be provided to those residents who do not have one currently. They just need to send an email to Sparky at sparky@sbfire.org. She brought the SB County Family Disaster Plan booklets and some pens for the residents. She also reported that the Sheep Fire was 75% contained and under control. A resident asked what he should do if he is in a vehicle during the shake out. She stated that the most important thing is to be on low ground and away from things that can fall, but if inside of a structure, get under something solid and away from windows. A family plan should also be in place. One or more safe places should be identified for the family to meet. Finally she stated that if you smell gas it could be leaking. It should be turned off with a wrench and be sure to never light a match or use candles since these can cause an explosion.

B. Proposed General Plan Amendment & Tentative Parcel Map

Cy Zermeno of Land Development Engineering reported that a property owner has applied for a General Plan Amendment for the Residential Zoning District that would reduce the 1-acre lot minimum to ½ acre lot minimum. The residents do not have to subdivide, but if they want to in the future, they would have the option to do so. There would be 25 affected parcels within the proposed area. At this time Council Member Lynda Gonzalez suggested that those residents that will be affected get another notification to have a say and express how they feel about the proposal.

Council Member Betty Gosney stated that there needs to be consistency with the neighboring properties. Mr. Zermeno stated that because it is a general plan amendment there has to be a minimum of acreage and so more than one property owner would have to have the option of subdividing. Chairman Ware asked if there was a way of contacting the residents in the area once again since only two owners responded. He said he was suggesting this since the quality of life seems to be the heart of Bloomington and suggested postponing any recommendation until next MAC meeting. He suggested that Mr. Flores should contact the Planning Dept. and see if another notification can be sent and see what the response is. They can then address it at the next MAC meeting. Council Member Jacqueline Cox motioned to postpone the recommendation until next MAC meeting and Council Member Eric Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor and the recommendation was postponed to the next scheduled MAC meeting on November 3, 2009.

Staff Reports

A. CHP- Officer Hope Maxson

Officer Maxson reported that their new officers are ready to go. She will be bring them to the next MAC meeting since she is about 11 weeks out from her due date, another officer will be assigned to attend the MAC meetings.

B. Field Representative – Dan Flores

Mr. Flores reported that the fire acreage remains at 7, 824 acres burned and is 30 percent contained. The total personnel working on the fire is 1,715. Next he reported that the Colton Senior Health & Safety Fair will be held on Thursday October 15 from 9am to 1pm. Flue shots will be available, health screenings and social services will also be there. He brought a flyer with information for the residents. Mr. Flores then reported that a project notice went out for an addition of food services at an existing convenience store. Comments are due to planning no later than October 9, 2009.

C. Sheriff's Department – Sergeant Dan Finneran

Lieutenant Lana Tomlin reported that the Sheep Fire began in their jurisdiction but has grown as far as the Victor Valley. She stated that all the personnel working on the fire is doing a great job. Next she reported that Captain Mascetti and she are committed to service and have listened to what the community had to say about the massage parlors and medical Marijuana dispensaries. She wanted to let the residents know that they are being proactive and are working on find a solution to those problems. She hopes to give a report soon on their progress. Next she reported that they recovered some stolen vehicles, there was a business that was cashing fraudulent checks and finally she reported that there was an assault with a deadly weapon at Bloomington High School.

D. Special Districts- Tim Millington

Mr. Millington reported that the bed tax awards have been sent out. He and Dan met at the Boys and Girls Club. He reported that there is new mulch and renovation on the playground at Kessler Park. He stated that the drinking fountains need to be replaced. Tim also reported that the sprinkler line was repaired so it should be working fine. He said he will check to make sure they are working.

Items for upcoming meetings

Council Member Lynda Gonzalez stated that she would like the MAC to put the Bloomington Little League on the agenda to discuss their financial issues. She stated that they provide a lot of good things to the children and the community. They provide the children with skills, fair competitiveness and keep the children busy.

MAC Chair Gregory Ware said he would like an update on the bridge closure and he would also like a representative from the CERT program to attend the MAC meetings periodically and give reminders. Next he invited the Kayos Kidz to be the voice of the students and youth of the community and give

the MAC input. He said if they are interested they should designate one person from their group and it can be discussed at the next MAC meeting.

Member Reports

Council Member Adrian McDaniel wanted to say that the new traffic light in Bloomington looks very nice and he is happy to see changes for the better in Bloomington. Next he reported one of his neighbors had his home burglarized. The burglar was caught but another neighbor's home was also burglarized yesterday. He stated that he would like to see block captains who will report things that are going on in the community. He would like to continue to see good things happen in Bloomington.

MAC Chair Gregory Ware said he would like to have the Sheriff's Department assist them in getting a community watch going. He also stated that Captain Mascetti, Sergeant Finneran and Lieutenant Tomlin are some of the hardest working individuals in the area. He just wanted to thank them. He proposed to have everyone in attendance invite a neighbor to the next MAC meeting in November.

Council Member Eric Scott apologized for missing a couple of meetings and for arriving late.

Council Member Jacqueline Cox announced that November 3, 2009 is the election for the water board. For more information call 909-875-1804.

Public Comments

Roxanne Bazo informed the MAC that there is a sink hole on the corner of Taylor and Alder Ave. She stated that she contacted Rialto and Fontana regarding it but they have not done anything about it. She is not sure who would be responsible for it.

Andrea Sandoval of the Bloomington Little League reported that they are concerned about their electric bill. They have unplugged everything and their bill is still over \$1,000. There are supposed to be 3 meters, but think that they are paying for services that others are using.

Mary Margaret Brewer, CEO of the Kayos Kidz wanted to thank Supervisor Gonzales for the tickets to the Sheriff's Rodeo. As a club, last month they were involved with the Grimes Elementary School Community Fair and the Sycamore Hills Fall Festival. This month they open a new chapter at Crestmoore which has already generated 42 members. They will be at the Crestmore Fall Festival October 30. They now have a website up and running and it is kayoskidz.info. Next Andrew Homes announced that he attended a conference in Long Beach that pertained to drug free teen groups. They also filled out paperwork to become the Kayos Kidz National Drug Free Society for Teens Inc. Jared the Bloomington High School President reported that they started the Adopt-A-Teen program which will allow community members to help give the Bloomington teens a great holiday season. It is the only program in the area that targets teens. They would like to challenge all in attendance to go to their website and adopt a teen for \$20. They are planning a big project for January 2010. It will be a movie called *Drug Free Like Me*. With a good teen and one that is not so good and they are working with Eric Davenport but they still need someone from law enforcement for a teen to work with.

Dave Jane announced that the October 17th Rodeo for the Handicapped kids will not be held due to the funds not being available through the County, and they don't have the money. They plan to be having it again next year.

Dave Soto of the Bloomington Boosters reported that September 11th they had some neighbors come out to the monument and the Kayos Kidz helped out a lot. The next event is scheduled for November 11th at 11 am they will have a ceremony honoring the men and women who have served and currently serve our country. They will place some banners out now at Valley Blvd. and Cedar Ave.,

Slover Ave. and Cedar Ave. and another one in front of Ayala Park. He invited everyone to attend now that Bloomington has its own memorial. He brought a flyer for the Christmas parade that is available for the residents. They will also go up in some of the stores downtown and they will also make banners and will be placed at the corner of Valley Blvd. and Cedar Ave., Slover Ave. and Cedar Ave. He also brought applications for those who want to enter the parade and reminded all that they are also taking donations.

Eric Davenport said that everyone must be prepared to be on their own for 7 days. He told the residents to practice surviving the weekend with one gallon of water. He said the Army Ranger Books, Boy Scout handbook have some very good first aid tips. He also challenged businesses in Bloomington to sponsor the Kayos Kidz project and if they do they will get a commercial in the beginning. He said that any money left over from production and any money earned from the sale of the DVD will come back to the community and administered through the MAC board and will be added to the bed tax money. Some of the Kayos Kidz will be working as production assistants and will earn some money for their Christmas Program. If anyone has questions about it he can be reached at 909-877-8468.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM. The next MAC meeting is scheduled for November 3, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

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